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(U) Embassy Colombo delivered REFTEL to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on September 22, 2009. Post followed up with the MFA on several occasions during October and November in an effort to obtain a Sri Lankan position on the issue. On November 18, 2009, post was advised by the MFA's United Nations Section that Sri Lanka was noncommittal regarding whether to support the United States' candidacy for category "A" re-election to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) during the IMO Assembly in late November. The MFA requested reciprocal U.S. support for their IMO candidacy prior to consideration of support for our candidacy. Regards.
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